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1 — Residents demand health answers as mine spill fouls rivers, Santa Fe New Mexican, 8/10/2015

<http://bit.ly/1gwrp9a>

Farmers, towns and tribes slammed water-intake gates shut as a sludge-laden plume from a Colorado mine spill rolled down principal rivers in the desert Southwest on Monday, prompting local officials and families to demand answers about possible long-term threats from heavy metals borne along by the spill.

2 — Frustrations grow at EPA town hall on Animas River spill, KOAT Albuquerque, 8/10/2015

<http://www.koat.com/news/nm-gov-to-declare-state-of-emergency-over-animas-river-spill/34639546>

Nearly 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater from Colorado's Gold King mine has made its way into the Animas River since an EPA mistake last week. The wastewater began spilling last Wednesday when an EPA-supervised cleanup crew accidentally breached a debris dam that was flowing at 550 gallons per minute.

3 – Congressional delegation criticizes EPA response on Animas spill, Albuquerque Journal, 8/10/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/626232/politics/congressional-delegation-criticizes-epa-response-on-animas-spill.html>

Several members of New Mexico's congressional delegation wrote Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy Monday criticizing the agency's response to the Gold King Mine spill that has dumped three million gallons of wastewater into the Animas River.

4 — Thousands of mines with toxic water lie under West, Albuquerque Journal, 8/10/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/626475/news/nm-news/thousands-of-mines-with-toxic-water-lie-under-west.html>

Beneath the western United States lie thousands of old mining tunnels filled with the same toxic stew that spilled into a Colorado river last week, turning it into a nauseating yellow concoction and stoking alarm about contamination of drinking water.

5 — Uncertain future for Houston toxic river dump, Houston Chronicle, 8/10/2015

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Uncertain-future-for-Houston-toxic-river-dump-6436372.php>

Removing industrial waste from a 14-acre Superfund site on the San Jacinto River could be just as dangerous as leaving it in place, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suggested in a report published Monday.

6 — Judge halts new regulations on Osage County oil production, Tulsa World, 8/11/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/courts/judge-halts-new-regulations-on-osage-county-oil-production/article_a70b0c56-a16d-5f46-b32d-c4b5c0a412fe.html

A judge issued an injunction Monday preventing a series of new federal regulations governing oil production in Osage County from taking effect. U.S. Chief District Judge Gregory Frizzell granted the preliminary injunction following a hearing Monday in Tulsa federal court.

7 – St. Bernard water official tells water committee 'perfect storm' caused temporary chlorine drop, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/10/2015

http://www.nola.com/health/index.ssf/2015/08/st_bernard_brain-eating_amoeba_2.html#incart_river

During a St. Bernard Parish Council water committee meeting Monday (Aug. 10), the parish's superintendent of water quality control told councilmen that parish public works personnel were uncertain how the brain-eating amoeba survived in the parish's water supply this summer because high chlorine levels, which are supposed to prevent the amoeba, largely had been maintained.

8 — Beekeeper says he's glad Oklahoma agency will get busy to save bees, The Oklahoman, 8/10/2015

<http://newsok.com/beekeeper-says-hes-glad-oklahoma-agency-will-get-busy-to-save-bees/article/5439066>

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, managed bee colonies have been on the decline for decades, decreasing from 5 million in the 1940s to 2.5 million today.

9 — Louisiana Offshore Oil Port storage center, one of the nation's largest, getting even bigger, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/11/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13143332-123/louisiana-offshore-oil-port-storage>

The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port is adding three new above-ground oil tanks and 1.1 million barrels of storage capacity to its Clovelly Hub, one of the nation's largest oil trading and distribution centers.

10 — Attorney says negotiations with DEQ over landfill violations ongoing, but parish council member still demands answers from administration, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/11/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13145027-123/attorney-says-negotiations-with-deq>

An attorney retained by the Tangipahoa Parish Council to seek resolution of charges by state environmental officials of misuse and storage of shredded tires at the parish-operated landfill told the council Monday he anticipates the matter can be settled within the next several months.

11 — Block water rule, states urge judge, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/11/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/11/block-water-rule-states-urge-judge-2015/?latest>

Thirteen states led by North Dakota asked a federal judge Monday to delay a new rule that gives federal authorities jurisdiction over some state waters. North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem filed a motion late Monday in Bismarck seeking a preliminary injunction to prevent the rule from taking effect Aug. 28.

12 — EPA moves to fix air pollution rule after Supreme Court loss, The Hill, 8/8/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/250779-epa-moves-to-fix-air-pollution-rule-after-supreme-court-loss>

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to fix by this spring the problem that caused the Supreme Court to rule against its major air pollution regulation in July.

13 — Three Arkansas solar projects in the works, THV 11 Little Rock, 8/11/2015

<http://www.thv11.com/story/money/business/arkansas/2015/08/10/three-arkansas-solar-projects-in-the-works/31446449/>

As the EPA seeks tougher emissions reduction standards across the country, utilities in the Natural State are turning to solar energy-generation projects.

14 — UA to hold L'Anguille River Watershed forum, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/11/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/11/ua-hold-languille-river-watershed-forum/?latest>

The Environmental Protection Agency announced on Aug. 3 its final regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants in each state. Called the Clean Power Plan, EPA, once again, has issued far-reaching regulations that are impossible to achieve in the real world.